

tour to promote his powerful message of peace, cooperation, and respect for all. His first stop was Rhode Island's Brown University. His message of peace resonated with Rhode Islanders because he sought what so many people seek—a peaceful world for himself and others.

His quiet and selfless work has served as an important example to all those who work toward peace and harmony. A few years ago, I was proud to help dedicate a statue portraying Sri Chinmoy in Roger Williams Park to celebrate the World Harmony Run, founded by Sri Chinmoy, which seeks to strengthen international ties and promote friendship. Providence is among the many cities in America and across the world that recognize the peaceful principles taught by Sri Chinmoy. In fact, there are over 100 countries that participate in the World Harmony Run.

On the 50th anniversary of Sri Chinmoy's arrival to America, it is important that we remember his message and renew our commitment to make the world a more peaceful place. His leadership is sorely missed, but his spirit and message live on. As he so aptly described: "we are all seekers, and our goal is the same: to achieve inner peace, light, and joy, to become inseparably one with our Source, and to lead lives full of true satisfaction."

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
SHIRLEY BLUITT LEONARD**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize beloved wife, mother, grandmother, Mrs. Shirley Bluitt Leonard, who passed away on Sunday, April 13, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Leonard was born in Mexia, TX to John C. Bluitt and Katie Wiley Bluitt Hurd. She graduated from Dunbar High School of Mexia in 1953. In 1956, she received the B.A. degree in Business from Wiley College in Marshall, TX. She earned the Master of Education from Prairie View A&M University (formerly Prairie View A&M College) in 1964. It was at Prairie View A&M University, on the steps of Suarez Hall, that she met her husband of 50 years Joe. E. Leonard, Sr. on February 28, 1964. Joe and Shirley Leonard graduated from the Master's program at PVAMU, marching together in May, 1964. She soon became certified as an educator in the State of Texas in Supervision and as a Reading Specialist, and subsequently took graduate education courses at the University of North Texas and Colorado University in Denver.

Mrs. Leonard's lifelong passion was educating others. During the course of her professional career, she taught in the Cleburne Independent School District, Aldine I.S.D., Austin I.S.D., and served as a Reading Specialist throughout the state of Texas. In the latter role, she supervised and coordinated the Title I Reading Program for the Austin Independent School District and coordinated programs for the Texas Youth Commission, formerly known as the Texas Youth Council. Mrs. Leonard was also a small business entrepreneur who owned and operated a beauty and fashion boutique for several years.

Mrs. Leonard was the mother of Dr. Joe E. Leonard, Jr., whom I also know personally through his work serving as Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and previously as the lead staff member for the Congressional Black Caucus. Mrs. Leonard, a vivacious, spirited, and loving presence among her family, friends, and the many students she taught over the years, will be deeply missed. I extend my deepest condolences to the Leonard family during this time of grieving. Our country has benefitted immensely from Mrs. Leonard's career and her memory will continue to inspire others. Through her life she has created positive pathways for many future generations.

**RECOGNIZING LT. COL. EDWARD
COOK AS THE 2014 EXCEPTIONAL
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD
WINNER**

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as the 2014 recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award at the United Way of Central New York Achievements in Caring Celebration at the Palace Theatre in Syracuse, New York.

Lt. Col. Edward Cook, a member of the 174th Attack Wing based in Syracuse, is the standard bearer of dedication and commitment in serving his local community. Lt. Col. Cook lead a team of volunteers to collect food and toys during Drop Off Day for the Salvation Army's biggest event of the year—Christmas Bureau. Lt. Col. Cook coordinates all the logistics with his team to deliver food and toys, first to the Salvation Army, then to the Oncenter distribution point. The process culminates with Distribution Day, where Lt. Col. Cook once again leads his team to serve over 2,700 families who are most in need in Central New York.

The level of commitment shown throughout the Christmas Bureau process is remarkable, particularly this past year's Drop Off Day, where Lt. Col. Cook and his team braved below zero temperatures outside to make sure the logistical intake of food and toys ran smoothly.

This operation would simply not happen without Lt. Col. Edward Cook and his team. Lt. Col. Cook is present at every planning meeting throughout the year, and is always one of the first to step up to the plate for any other volunteer opportunity that may arise.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Lt. Col. Edward Cook as this year's recipient of the Exceptional Community Volunteer Award. We can only hope that all of us strive to have the same selfless dedication that Lt. Col. Edward Cook exhibits not only in protecting our freedom with the 174th Attack Wing, but in and around the community that we call home.

**A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE WILD
HORSE AND BURRO MANAGE-
MENT STRATEGY**

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as an advocate over the years for wild horses, I rise today to join a chorus of advocates in urging the Bureau of Land Management to implement a safer and more sustainable wild horse and burro management strategy. Along with a majority of Americans, I recognize that our federally-protected wild horses and burros are national treasures to be protected and preserved for future generations.

For decades, the agency has pursued an unsustainable and highly controversial approach to wild horse management. Today, the U.S. government maintains more wild horses in captivity than remain free in the wild. At the same time, the Bureau is underutilizing proven, cost-effective and humane alternatives for wild horse management that would keep wild horses on the range and avert the need for roundups, removals, sale and slaughter. This is an untenable situation, both for America's wild horses and for American taxpayers.

A June 2013 report by the National Academy of Sciences recommended using available fertility control as a "more affordable option than continuing to remove horses to long-term holding facilities." I urge the agency to fix what is not working and to move toward these science-based recommendations. I stand ready to engage in a constructive dialogue with my colleagues and with agency officials to implement much needed changes to the current management program and to provide a more certain future for America's wild horse and burros.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 01, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense proposals relating to military compensation.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine new routes for funding and financing highways and transit.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Budget
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for education.

SD-608

12 noon

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To receive a briefing on Georgia 2008, and Ukraine 2014, focusing on if Moldova is next, and to examine Russia's intentions with regard to Transnistria and Moldova.

CVC-268

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce
To hold hearings to examine a more efficient and effective government, focusing on cultivating the Federal workforce.

SD-342

3 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the Ukraine, focusing on countering Russian intervention and supporting a democratic state.

SD-419

MAY 7

9 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine the 2014 Farm Bill, focusing on implementation and next steps.

SR-328A

10 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the economic outlook.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security
To hold hearings to examine investing in cybersecurity, focusing on understanding risks and building capabilities for the future.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and oversight for fiscal year 2015 for Federal information technology investments.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on progress, challenges, and next steps.

SR-253

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1603, to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatami Indians, S. 1818, to ratify a water settlement agreement affecting the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, S. 2040, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, S. 2041, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and S. 2188, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes.

SD-628

MAY 8

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight

To hold hearings to examine waste and abuse in Army sponsorship and marketing contracts.

SD-342

MAY 14

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine wildfires and forest management, focusing on how prevention is preservation.

SD-628

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Airland
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the sub-

committee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

5 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

MAY 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Personnel
Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the Bureau of Indian Education.

SD-628

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222